

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation. THIS IS A CLEAR VIOLATION OF THE PUBLIC TRUST. CORPORATIONS LIKE THIS SHOULD BE DENIED LICENSES ALTOGETHER. IF YOU ALLOW ACTIONS LIKE THIS WHY NOT JUST SELL OUR COUNTRY TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER? HEY -- DO IT ON EBAY, THAT SHOULD REALLY GIVE THE ECONOMY THE BOOST THAT IT NEEDS.

THIS IS NOT A FAIR USE OF THE PUBLIC AIRWAVES. AND YOUR AGENCY WAS PUT IN PLACE TO PROTECT US FROM THE DANGERS THESE VERY ACTIONS POSE. DO YOUR JOB!!!

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. Instead of something produced at "News Central" far away, it's more important that we see real people from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that matter.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.